GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Servants – State Taxe Department - Disciplinary proceedings initiated against Sri N.Srinivasa Rao, Joint Commissioner (ST) Visakhapatnam on the allegations of creation and use of a private website (www.vsp-apgst.org) - Article of Charges - Written Statement of Defence received - Appointment of Inquiry Officer - Orders - Issued.

REVENUE (VIGILANCE-VI) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.450 Dt: 04-05-2023

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Rt.No.239, Revenue (VIG.VI) Department, Dt.09.03.2023.
2. From the Sri N Srinivasa Rao, the then Joint Commissioner (ST), Visakhapatnam, WSD Dt:29-04-2023

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ORDER:

Whereas, it was brought to the notice of the Government that Sri N. Srinivasa Rao, the then Joint Commissioner, Visakhapatnam and presently working as JC & SR before the AP VAT Tribunal, on the allegations of creation and used a private website (www.vsp-apgst.org) without Government permission to process audits and inspections, in violation of rules that prohibit the transaction of any government business through private channels in violation of the AP CS Conduct Rules, 1964. Hence, Article of Charges were issued vide reference 1st read above. In reply to the charges, Sri N. Srinivasa Rao, the then Joint Commissioner, Visakhapatnam has submitted his explanation through his Written Statement of Defence.

2. And whereas, it is considered that an Inquiring Authority should be appointed to inquire into the charges framed against the above said officer.

3. Now, therefore, in exercise of the power conferred by Sub-Rule (2) of Rule 20 of the said Rules, Government hereby appoint Sri Muttimbaku Abhishikth Kishore, IAS, Special Commissioner (ST), as an Inquiry Officer to inquire into the charges framed against Sri N.Srinivasa Rao, the then Joint Commissioner(ST) Visakhapatnam and presently working as JC & SR before the AP VAT Tribunal, Visakhapatnam. The Inquiring Authority shall submit his inquiry report within two months, in duplicate, with his own attestation.

4. Copies of the Articles of Charge framed against the Charged Officer and Written Statement of Defences are enclosed.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

N. GULZAR
SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To
Sri Muttimbaku Abhishikth Kishore, IAS, Special Commissioner (ST).
(through the CCST, A.P., Guntur)
The Chief Commissioner of State Tax, A.P., Guntur.
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//FORWARDED:: BY ORDER//

Section Officer

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Date: 04.05.2023